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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 31 October 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-28 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-28 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 31 October 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-28 are pending in the application.
2. Claims 1-28 have been rejected.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) and the Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical Amendments Act of 2002 do not apply when the reference is a U.S. patent resulting directly or indirectly from an international application filed before November 29, 2000. Therefore, the prior art date of the reference is determined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

3. **Claims 1-8 and 13-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Watts U.S. Patent No. 6,587,842 B1.**

As to claim 1, Watts discloses a waveform customization method for a signal generator, comprising:

retrieving a waveform and at least one code associated with the waveform
from a storage media [column 4 line 48 to column 5 line 11];

retrieving at least one key associated with the signal generator [column 4 line 48 to column 5 line 11];

comparing the at least one code associated with the waveform and the at least one key [column 4 line 48 to column 5 line 11]; and

downloading the waveform to the signal generator under condition that the at least one code matches the at least one key [column 7, lines 36-56].

As to claims 2 and 14, Watts discloses the method further comprising:

bundling the waveform and the at least one code associated with the waveform into a file [column 8, lines 34-56]; and

storing the file containing the waveform and the at least one code associated with the waveform in the storage media [column 8, lines 34-56].

As to claim 3, Watts discloses the further comprising:

providing one or more parameters that characterize the waveform [column 8, lines 34-56]; and

creating the waveform based on the one or more parameters [column 8, lines 34-56].

As to claim 4, Watts discloses the further comprising:

providing one or more signal generator settings [column 8, lines 34-56];

bundling the one or more signal generator settings with the waveform and the at least one code [column 8, lines 34-56]; and

configuring the signal generator using the one more signal generator settings [column 8, lines 34-56].

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As to claim 5, Watts discloses that the steps of providing further comprises:

entering at least one of the one or more parameters and the one or more signal generator settings by a user into a computer that creates the waveform [column 8, lines 34-56].

As to claim 6, Watts discloses that the step of providing the one or more signal generator settings further comprises:

pre-configuring the one or more signal generator settings [column 9 line 3 to column 10 line 7]; and

storing the one or more pre-configured signal generator settings on the computer [column 9 line 3 to column 10 line 7].

As to claim 7, Watts discloses that the file is encrypted, and further comprising:

decrypting the file after the step of retrieving the waveform [column 9 line 3 to column 10 line 7].

As to claim 8, Watts discloses that the step of retrieving the at least one key further comprises:

retrieving the at least one key from the signal generator, the at least one key being stored within the signal generator [column 4, lines 25-47].

As to claim 13, Watts discloses a system customizing at least one waveform of a signal generator, comprising:

a storage media adapted to store a waveform and at least one code associated with the waveform [column 4 line 48 to column 5 line 11]; and

a download application configured to retrieve the waveform and at least one key associated with the signal generator, compare the at least one code associated with the waveform and the at least one key and download the waveform to the signal generator under condition that the at least one code matches the at least one key [column 7, lines 36-56].

As to claim 15, Watts discloses that the signal generation application is further configured to encrypt the file prior to storing the file in the storage media [column 6, lines 27-41]. Watts discloses the download application being further configured to decrypt the file, as discussed above.

As to claim 16, Watts discloses that the signal generation application is further configured to receive as input one or more parameters that characterize the waveform and create the waveform based on the one or more parameters [column 8, lines 34-56].

As to claim 17, Watts discloses that the signal generation application is further configured to provide one or more signal generator settings and bundle the one or more signal generator settings with the waveform and the at least one code [column 8, lines 34-56]. Watts discloses the download application being further configured to use the one or more signal generator settings to configure the signal generator [column 7, lines 36-56].

As to claim 18, Watts discloses the method further comprising:

a computer having at least the signal generation application therein, the signal generation application further having an interface capable of receiving at least one of the one or more parameters and the one or more signal generator settings from a user of the computer [column 9 line 3 to column 10 line 7].

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As to claim 19, Watts discloses that the one or more signal generator settings are pre-configured and stored on the computer [column 9 line 3 to column 10 line 7].

As to claim 20, Watts discloses that the computer further has the storage media and the download application therein [column 7, lines 36-56].

As to claim 21, Watts discloses an additional computer having at least the download application therein [column 7, lines 36-56].

As to claim 22, Watts discloses that the computer is operatively connected to the additional computer [column 7, lines 36-56].

As to claim 23, Watts discloses that the computer is connected to the additional computer via a data network [column 3 line 61 to column 4 line 3].

As to claim 24, Watts discloses that the at least one key is stored on the signal generator [column 4, lines 25-47].

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 9 and 25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Watts U.S. Patent No. 6,587,842 B1 as applied to claims 1 and 13 above, and further in view of Reitmeier et al U.S. Patent No. 6,560,285 B1.

As to claims 9 and 25, Watts does not teach that the waveform is a signal modulated to conform to one of a plurality of communication formats. Watt does not teach the signal generator being capable of downloading and transmitting signals modulated to conform to any of the plurality of communication formats, each of the plurality of communication formats having a different one of the at least one code associated therewith.

Reitmeier et al teaches that a waveform is a signal modulated to conform to one of a plurality of communication formats [column 5, lines 5-34]. Reitmeier et al teaches the signal generator being capable of downloading and transmitting signals modulated to conform to any of the plurality of communication formats, each of the plurality of communication formats having a different one of the at least one code associated therewith [column 5, lines 5-34].

Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified Watts so that the waveform would have been modulated to one of a plurality of communication formats. The signal generator would have been capable of downloading and transmitting signals modulated to conform to any of the

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plurality of communication formats, each of the plurality of communication formats would have been a different one of the at least one code associated therewith.

It would have been obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified Watts by the teaching of Reitmeier et al because it ensures that the data will be in a format that the end user can decode [column 5, lines 5-34].

5. Claims 10-12 and 26-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Watts U.S. Patent No. 6,587,842 B1 as applied to claims 1 and 13 above, and further in view of Rajsuman et al U.S. Patent No. 5,963,566.

As to claims 10, 11, 26 and 27, Watts does not teach requesting the waveform be downloaded to the signal generator by an automatic test equipment system. Watts does not teach requesting an additional waveform be downloaded to an additional signal generator by the automatic test equipment system.

Rajsuman et al teaches requesting the waveform be downloaded to the signal generator by an automatic test equipment system [column 6, lines 25-37]. Rajsuman et al teaches requesting an additional waveform be downloaded to an additional signal generator by the automatic test equipment system [column 6, lines 25-37].

Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified Watts so that the waveform would have been downloaded to the signal generator by an automatic test equipment system. An additional waveform would have been requested to be downloaded to an additional signal generator by the automatic test equipment system.

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It would have been obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified Watts by the teaching of Rajsuman et al because it greatly improves manufacturing throughput, reduces manufacturing costs, and significantly reduces design verification time during the developmental process [column 2, lines 9-17].


As to claims 12 and 28, Watts teaches that the additional waveform is stored within an additional storage media [column 4, lines 14-24].


Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Aravind K. Moorthy whose telephone number is 571-272-3793. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 8:00-5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ayaz R. Sheikh can be reached on 571-272-3795. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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